

.10 American Lobsters.

A. An individual who catches an egg bearing female lobster that measures 3-3/8 inches to 5-1/4 inches in length from the rear end of the eye socket along a line parallel to the center line of body shell (carapace) to the rear of the body shell shall[:

(1) Mark the lobster to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when the underside of the lobster is down with a v-shaped notch that:

- (a) Is made by means of a sharp bladed instrument;
- (b) Is at least 1/4 inch in length;
- (c) Is not greater than 1/2 inch in depth; and
- (d) Tapers to a sharp point; and

(2) Immediately] *immediately* release the lobster.

B. A person may not catch, land, possess, sell, offer to sell, or transport any:

(1)—(5) (text unchanged)

(6) Lobster from [February 1] *April 30* through [March 31] *May 31*.

C.—D. (text unchanged)

E. A lobster trap[:

(1) Shall] *shall* have a minimum of:

[(a)] (1) (text unchanged)

[(b)] (2) Two circular escape vents which shall have a minimum diameter of 2-5/8 inches[;

(2) Shall be removed from the water not later than February 14 of each year; and

(3) May not be set prior to March 24 of each year].

F. (text unchanged)

G. *Except for an individual licensed to catch species other than lobster, an individual:*

(1) *Shall remove all lobster traps from the water during the closure period in §B(6) of this regulation;*

(2) *May not set a lobster trap during the closure period in §B(6) of this regulation prior to May 25 of each year;*

and

(3) *May not set a baited lobster trap during the closure period in §B(6) of this regulation prior to June 1 of each year.*

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